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RE: Legislative Changes Affecting Mobile Home Properties
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This memorandum addresses legislative changes concerning mobile homes. Please note that this memorandum is intended to be an informative bulletin; it is not a substitute for reading the law.

I. Permits to Move or Transfer Title of Abandoned Mobile Homes

On April 29, 2015, Governor Pence signed into law Senate Enrolled Act 7-2015 ("SEA 7"). Effective July 1, 2015, Section 1 of SEA 7 amends IC 6-1.1-7-10 as follows:

- (1) The Bureau of Motor Vehicles ("BMV") may not transfer the title to a mobile home or change names in any manner on the title to a mobile home unless the owner holds a valid permit to transfer title issued by the county treasurer.
- (2) A permit to move or transfer title to a mobile home expires 90 days after the date the county treasurer issued it. When the permit expires, it becomes invalid, and the owner must obtain a new permit in order to move or transfer title to the mobile home.
- (3) The requirement to obtain a permit to move or transfer title to a mobile home does not apply to an abandoned mobile home sold at an auction under IC 9-22-1.5.

In addition, Section 2 of SEA 7 amends IC 6-1.1-7-10.4 (effective July 1, 2015) so that the requirement that the owner of a mobile home who sells the mobile home to another person provide the purchaser with the treasurer's permit does **not** apply to a mobile home that is offered for sale at auction under IC 9-22-1.5. SEA 7 also amends IC 9-22-1.5 concerning the procedures for disposing of abandoned mobile homes.

II. House Enrolled Act 1495

On May 5, 2015, Governor Pence signed into law House Enrolled Act 1495-2015 ("HEA 1495"). Section 1 of HEA 1495, effective July 1, 2015, amends IC 6-1.1-7-10 to require the county treasurer to issue the permit to move or transfer title to a mobile home not later than two business days (excluding weekends and holidays) after the date the treasurer receives a completed permit application.

State Form 7878, the Mobile Home Permit, will be updated to account for these changes.

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